

Export of Spices

6071. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries which are importing spices from India;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned from export of spices during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to increase to production of spices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) In all about 100 countries import spices from India. The major countries among them are given in the Statement attached.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned from export of spices during the last 3 years are given are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Value (Rs. cr.)</i>
1989-89	274.81
1989-90	275.76
1990-91	238.67

(Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta/Shipping Bills passed by Customs & Exporters returns)

(c) For increasing the productin and productivity of spices a Central Sector Scheme for integrated development of spices has been implemented in various states during 1991-92 with an outlay of Rs. 5 crores. Various measures for increasing the production of spices include - (i) Productin and distribution of improved high yielding plant-ing material of pepper, clove and nutmeg; (ii)

Productin of planting material/foundation seed of pepper, ginger, turmeric, chillies and minor spices (iii) Distribution of input-kits for pepper and minikits for minor spices, (iv) Supply of plant protection sprayers, for pepper; (v) Rehabilitation of old pepper gardens; (vi) Laying out pepper demonstration plots; (vii) Establishment of demonstration-cum-progeny fardebs for spices in North Eastern region including West Bengal; and (viii) Training of farmers on farm processing of spices.

STATEMENT*List of Major Countries Importing Spices from India*

1. Commonwealth of Independent states (Erstwhile U.S.S.R)
2. U.S.A
3. Canada
4. Australia
5. Germany
6. France
7. U.K.
8. Netherlands
9. Italy
10. Czechoslovakia
11. Romania
12. Yugoslavia
13. Poland
14. Bangladesh
15. Japan

16. Korea
17. Malaysia
18. Singapore
19. Pakistan
20. Srilanka
21. Iran
22. Iraq
23. Kuwait
24. Saudi Arabia
25. U.A.E.
26. Oman
27. Yemen
28. Algeria
29. Egypt
30. Morocco
31. Libya
32. Mauritius etc.

the total as on February 1, 1992; quantity of rubber collected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on February 1, 1992, STC was having 23 depots. After 1st February, 1992, 3 more depots were opened at the following places.

<i>Place</i>	<i>Opened on</i>
Perinthalmanna	5.2.92
Trichur	5.2.92
Kasargod	10.2.92

The quantity of rubber collected so far, is as under:-

	<i>(Provisional)</i>
RMA-4	8816 MT
RAMA-5	7169 MT
Total:	15985 MT

[*Translation*]

Production of Opium

New Depot in Kerala for Collection of Rubber

6072. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Trading Corporation has opened any new depot for collection of RMA-4 and RMA-5 variety of rubber in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the venue of the new depot and

6073. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average production of opium per hectare fixed by Central Narcotics Department in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the number of farmers whose licenses were cancelled for not cultivating the licensed area in these states during the last three years;

(c) the area of land in which these